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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Joachim BUENGER et al.

Examiner: LAMM, Marina

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REPLY


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 9, 2005, applicants elect with traverse Group II. The traversal is on the basis that the PTO has not established that it would pose an undue burden to examine the full scope of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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